

PASSOVER | פסח

Leaders Guide

Young Moses Torah Study

G-d sees abilities in young Moses that mark him to be a leader. What are they?

Torah: Exodus 2:11-17

I. Some time after that - when Moses had grown up - he went out to his people and witnessed their labors. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. He turned this way and that and - seeing no one around - he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

Rabbi Freedman's notes:

- *Moses identifies with the Israelites despite spending his childhood in Pharaoh's palace.*
- *The Torah twice says "his people" for emphasis.*
- *Moses is a man of action and demonstrates loyalty to his people.*

II. When [Moses] went out the next day, he found two Hebrews fighting. He said to the offender, "Why do you strike your fellow?" [The Hebrew] retorted, "Who made you chief and ruler over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Moses was frightened and thought, Indeed the matter is known! When Pharaoh learned of the matter, he sought to kill Moses; but Moses fled from Pharaoh. He settled in the land of Midian, and sat down beside a well.

Rabbi Freedman's notes:

- *Moses cares about the Israelites' internal well-being, not just external threats.*
- *Moses is a peacemaker, capable of using his words instead of his hands.*
- *Moses is willing to leave his home and undertake a long journey.*

III. Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came to draw water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. But shepherds came and drove them off. Moses rose to their defense, and he watered their flock.

Rabbi Freedman's notes

- *Moses again demonstrates his willingness to act despite being powerless and outnumbered.*
- *Moses stands up against injustice here for complete strangers, not just his tribe.*

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>> What do we learn about Moses from each episode?

>> What leadership lessons do we learn from Moses, either here or elsewhere in the Passover story?



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Seder Numbers Trivia!

Feel free to offer snacks or first dessert to those who answer correctly.

1. Where in the Haggadah does the number four appear?

>> (4 cups of wine, 4 questions, 4 sons, 4 expressions of redemption)

2. How many times does the name of Moses appear in the Hebrew text?

>> (1: see the Midrash of the 50 plagues at the sea)

3. How many times does the Haggadah instruct we dip food?

>> (2: Karpas in salt water, and Maror in Charoset)

4. How many Haggadah texts are in Aramaic, the ancient vernacular, instead of Hebrew?

>> (2: Ha Lachma Anya, and Chad Gadya)

5. How many drops of wine do we spill from our cups?

>> (16: the ten plagues, three before, and three after)

6. How many Matzos are placed by the Seder leader and covered?

>> (3: representing the Jewish People - Kohen, Levi, and Yisrael - Priests, Levites, and Israelites)

7. How many items does Rabban Gamliel say are essential for the Seder?

>> (3: Pesach lamb, Matza, and Maror bitter herbs)

8. How many steps are there to the Seder?

>> (14: Kadesh, Urhatz...)

9. How many days are there between the second night of the Seder and the holiday of Shavuot?

>> (50: this is known as counting the Omer)

10. What is the highest number in "Echad Mi Yodea/ Who Knows One?"

>> (13: the attributes of G-d. The song begins [1] and ends [13] with G-d.)

